

HOLLAND BURDENED WITH TOO MUCH GOLD

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Oct. 19.—The position of Holland is beginning to show an uncomfortable resemblance to that of M. das, at whose exchange everything turned into gold. Instead of the urgently needed goods, more and more gold not to mention \$200,000,000 worth of credit has been sent to Holland by her belligerent neighbors.

This is far more than she can employ, with the result that the gold stocks of the Netherlands bank have quadrupled since the outbreak of the war, amounting now to some \$265,000,000. This means that the central bank's direct account balances are backed by gold to the extent of 77 per cent, which compares with only 17 per cent in Germany.

But of what use are our big gold reserves? Hollanders are beginning

to ask, "If your productive capacity is being more and more reduced, ever more businesses are being brought to entire or partial standstill for lack of raw materials or coal, workmen dismissed, the supply of foodstuffs cut off, and our colonies, one of the nation's mainstays, likewise hard pressed by the prevailing circumstances?"

If he need further evidence that the world has turned upside down, the Hollander may find it in the curious fact that his normally much-coveted gold is declined with thanks in Sweden, while gold exports to Spain are impossible on account of the obstacles in the way of shipment. The unpleasant result is that the Swedish exchange has risen, Holland's exports thither are too small to balance her imports from Sweden. Nothing would appear more logical

than to pay in gold for the excess imports, but the Swedish bank refuses to accept it.

From practically the commencement of the war the Swedish government has taken the standpoint that it wants goods paid for in goods, the population needing foodstuffs and other necessities rather than gold. Hollanders are beginning to keenly feel the strange limitation which has been placed on the powers of gold.

Holland's national debt, which stood at \$440,000,000 before the war, has nearly doubled in the past three years. The added burden amounts to \$326,000,000. It is expected to go on mounting so long as the war continues and an army of some quarter of a million has to be kept on a war footing, as well as big sums spent on the provision of cheap food and other necessities for the people.

WOMAN LABOR IS NOW GERMANS' DEPENDENCE

(By Associated Press.)
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Oct. 19.—The German empire, to some extent, has become dependent upon women's labor, declares a German correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdam Courant. In the hospitals, at railroad stations, in shops and in offices, even in the most responsible positions, the work is principally done by women. In even first-class restaurants girls and women have replaced the waiters. The traveler who enters a hotel encounters a porter in long skirts, who carries out his baggage as quickly as before. Street traffic is largely in the hands of the women. Women conductors, drivers and inspectors are dressed in the uniform of their male colleagues, but with skirt or bloomers.

Passengers meet with better treatment than was the case with the male staff. On the railroads women

are serving in booking offices, as guards on the trains, or porters. Letters and telegrams are delivered by women and girls. Most of the few automobiles are driven by women.

But the main work of women is in the factories. The skilled work has now more and more passed into their hands, as well as the carrying of heavy loads. At the turning bench, at the furnaces, everywhere they are met with. Their wages of 7 or 8 marks a day are equal to men's earnings for like labor. They work in blue smock frock and bloomers with a sort of sailor's cap or cloth on their heads, with black hands and rolled-up sleeves, and in the meal hour they are more and more to be seen in the street, even with bare legs, for stockings are a superfluity in factories, at the furnaces and such like occupations.

The results of women's work in

the mining industry are termed very satisfactory. The sorting of sweepings, old iron and brass, the unloading of freight cars, is performed by women's hands and arms, and a newcomer is amazed at the way in which she clambers and lifts and shoulders loads. In agriculture women have always supplied auxiliary labor, but now also do the heavy work like sowing, plowing and threshing.

Dress has naturally been brought into accord with the new work. On the railroads, and partly on the street cars, skirts have been replaced by bloomers and gaiters, and beribboned and feathered hat by cap or headcloth. But there is a sailor's collar for the uniform jacket, and a flower in the button hole; the jacket's open at the neck, the cap is worn in slanting fashion, a watch chain is fastened on the breast, a bit of lace adorns the sleeves.



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WAR CAUSES BRITISH TO BECOME LAND GRABBERS

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 19.—During the past three years the British government has gradually developed into a "land grabber" on a scale which exceeds all previous performances. Its total seizures and "purchases" of real estate, since the war began, aggregate more than 150,000 acres, divided among thousands of pieces of land, some only a few feet square, others containing many thousands of acres.

CONFERENCE TO SETTLE STRIKE OF COAL MINERS IS NOW IN PROGRESS

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 19.—Negotiations for a settlement of the differences of the 35,000 coal miners of the Southwest fields and the Southwest Coal Operators' association were begun here late yesterday afternoon. The district presidents of the United Mine Workers of America earlier in the day, after conferences with the operators, deferred the walkout which was to have taken place this morning.

The postponement came after both sides in the conference agreed to disregard the points of difference which led to the strike order and resume negotiations where they had been broken. Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas mine workers; John Wilkinson, president of the Oklahoma division, and D. A. Frampson, president of the Missouri miners, however, declare they will not agree to the insertion of a "penalty" clause in the contract, a point which led to the strike order.

The action of the miners came after telegrams had been received by the miners and operators from John P. White, president of the national organization of the miners, and Dr. H. A. Garfield, federal fuel

administrator, asking that the strike be deferred and negotiations resumed. The union president declared they were desirous of effecting a settlement without the necessity of calling a strike.

John Wilkinson, president of district No. 21, which is comprised of Oklahoma, Arkansas and a portion of Northern Texas, said that only the two former states would be affected by the postponement of the strike and that a meeting with the Texas operators would be held next Tuesday.

WILL CARE FOR CROPS.

(By Associated Press.)
LEWISTOWN, Mont., Oct. 19.—Property of men enlisting or drafted into the army will be cared for by an organization recently formed by Fergus county citizens who propose to assess themselves \$1 each to raise funds for the purpose. Farmers may leave their crops and cattle with the association, which will hold them until the proper time and then market them, and other business interests of soldiers will be looked after also.

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GOVERNMENT GIVES CURE FOR FLAT FEET

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Owing to the number of otherwise splendid applicants rejected from the United States marine corps for flat feet, marine corps examining physicians have issued the following simple exercises and pointers, which, if followed, they say, will remedy this ailment:

During exercises at all times turn the toes in.

Walk with toe of each foot pointing to the front; in straight line, if possible.

Stand with toes turned in; raise body on toes, slowly, as high as possible. Rest a second, then with weight of body borne on toes, lower slowly down to floor, and repeat.

When in the house in stocking feet, walk on toes, heels not touching the floor, and toes turned in.

When sitting, cross the legs, the foot always resting on the outer sides.

The wearing of broad-toe shoes with the metal "arch supporter" absolutely abandoned, also is advocated.

INTENSIVE CULTIVATION.

(By Associated Press.)
MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. 19.—From a quarter section of land declared to be "too full of weeds to raise anything but a disturbance," Seavy M. Bailey, who abandoned the practice of the law for agriculture, this season has harvested 2,300 bushels of peas, besides a quantity of straw worth \$10 a ton and 250 hogs growing fat on the crop left by the harvesters.

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CALLS FOR EXPLANATION.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Daily Mail, condemning what it calls the failure of the British to prevent the Germans from becoming master of the Gulf of Riga, demands that the "admiralty explain this humiliating display in the Baltic."

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WHAT NEVADA BOYS ARE SINGING ON THEIR WAY TO THE TRAINING CAMPS

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 19.—Men traveling to Camp Lewis to become members of the new national army all sing one song. The burden of their lay is "Where Do We Go From Here?" It is a tuneful, swinging ditty much affected by the Sammites across the seas, according to reports, and the full chorus as caroled by the carefree travelers is as follows:

"Where do we go from here, boys,
Where do we go from here?
Anywhere from Harlem to a Jersey City pier,
When Pat would spy a pretty girl
He'd whisper in her ear
Oh joy, oh boy—where do we go
from here?"

How the newly drafted men on

NORWAY'S SHIPPING LOSSES.

(By Associated Press.)
CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 19.—Norway's total shipping losses since the beginning of the war now stand as follows: 479 steamers of 777,000 tons; 160 sailing ships of 155,000 tons; number of lives lost, 698. The net reduction in the Norwegian mercantile marine this year is 319 ships, aggregating \$15,000 tons.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 19.—In connection with the destruction of the Rumanian oil wells, the Rumanian Consolidated Oil Fields company has lodged claims with the British government amounting to 1,276,724 pounds.

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